

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace page 1, lines 2-7 in the Specification with the following rewritten paragraph:

This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. USC §119(e) to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 60/264,360, filed on Jan. 26, 2001, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference. In addition, this application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) USC 19(e) to U.S. Patent Application Ser. No. 60/345,798 patent-application Ser. No. _____, filed on Jan. 2, 2002, entitled "Method and Apparatus for Network Management with Dependency Information" (~~Attorney Docket No. 00124/041P01~~), the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.